Extension of Trans-National Highway

1353. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree that leaving a part of Eastern most territory of India beyond Silchar from the proposed four-lane trans-national highway network (Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Saurastra) would pave the way for further consolidation of secessionist forces to claim the left out areas as their corridor;

(b) if so, whether any proposals there since been formulated to extend the network to this Eastern most corridor of India i.e., Chinese and Myanmar border along Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if not, what action is being contemplated to cover this isolated and backward national corridor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The eastern most part of India is connected with all weather roads.

(c) Does not arise.

Demand for Limitation of Bus Permits

1354. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the issue of stage carrier permit to vehicles without assessing the 'felt need' has created unwanted competition in Road Traffic and has increased accidents in certain States; and

(b) whether Government have received any memorandum from State Governments demanding authority to limit the issue of permits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) As per sub-section 3(a) of Section 71 and 74 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the State Government with the prior approval of the Central Government can limit the number of Stage Carriages/Contract